

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Withdrawn) An aqueous fluoroelastomer curable coating composition comprising an aqueous fluoroelastomer dispersion, a basic salt of a compound containing at least two phenolic hydroxyl groups as a curing agent, and a curing accelerator selected from the group consisting of quaternary salts of tertiary amines of the formula  $NR_3$  with inorganic or organic acids and quaternary salts of tertiary amines of the formula  $R_2N-R'-NR_2$  with inorganic or organic acids, wherein each of said R groups is the same or different from each other and each is an alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, or two or more R groups together form a carbon ring or a heterocyclic group, and R' is an alkylene group having 2 to 21 carbon atoms or a phenylenedialkylene group having 8 to 12 carbon atoms;

wherein said aqueous fluoroelastomer dispersion in said coating composition comprises a fluorine-containing elastic copolymer having repeating units represented by the formula:  $-CH_2-$  in the backbone.

D 2. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to claim 1, wherein said basic polyol curing agent is a salt of a polyol having a phenyl group and at least two hydroxyl group with a basic compound.

3. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to claim 1, wherein said basic polyol curing agent is a salt of a polyol having a phenyl group and at least two hydroxyl group with at least one basic compound selected from the group consisting of ammonium, phosphonium, alkali metals and alkaline earth metals.

4. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to claim 1, wherein said basic polyol curing agent is a salt of at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, bisphenol A, bisphenol AF and resol type phenolic resins and at least one basic compound selected from the group consisting of ammonium, phosphonium, alkali metals and alkaline earth metal.

5. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to claim 1, wherein said fluoroelastomer is an elastic copolymer of vinylidene fluoride and at least one other ethylenically unsaturated fluorine-containing monomer comonomerizable therewith.

D1. 6. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to claim 1, which further comprises a fluororesin.

7. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to claim 6, wherein said fluororesin is a tetrafluoroethylene base polymer.

8. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to claim 6, wherein said fluororesin is a copolymer of tetrafluoroethylene with at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of hexafluoropropylene and perfluoroalkyl vinyl ethers.

9. (Withdrawn) The aqueous fluoroelastomer curable composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8, which further comprises a terminal-modified perfluoropolyether.

10. (Currently Amended) An article wherein at least a part of the surface of said article is coated with a coating layer formed from an aqueous fluoroelastomer curable coating composition;

wherein said coating composition comprises an aqueous fluoroelastomer dispersion, a basic salt of a compound containing at least two phenolic hydroxyl groups as a curing agent, and a curing accelerator selected from the group consisting of ~~quaternary~~ salts of

D) tertiary amines of the formula  $NR_3$  with inorganic or organic acids and ~~quaternary~~ salts of tertiary amines of the formula  $R_2N-R'-NR_2$  with inorganic or organic acids, wherein each of said R groups is the same or different from each other and each is an alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, or two or more R groups together form a carbon ring or a heterocyclic group, and R' is an alkylene group having 2 to 21 carbon atoms or a phenylenedialkylene group having 8 to 12 carbon atoms;

wherein said aqueous fluoroelastomer dispersion in said coating composition comprises a fluorine-containing elastic copolymer having repeating units represented by the formula:  $-CH_2-$  in the backbone.

11. (Withdrawn) The article according to claim 10, wherein said coating layer is further coated with a non-tacky layer of fluororesin.

12. (Amended) The article according to claim 10, wherein said article is a roll for office automation equipment.

13. (Previously Presented) A process for coating at least a part of a surface of an article comprising the steps of:

applying an aqueous fluoroelastomer curable coating composition of claim 1 on said at least a part of a surface of an article and curing said fluoroelastomer.